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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT LOUIS 0337

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SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA: GOM INTEREST IN OIL EXPLORATION

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1 BRITISH HICOM CARTER TOLD ME APRIL 5 FONOFF HAS REACTED
NEGATIVELY HIS RECOMMENDATION (REFTEL) HMG SHOW GREATER FLEXIBILITY
ON ISSUE OIL PROSPECTING CHAGOS AREA. CARTER HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED
TELL PRIMIN THAT HMG WOULD HAVE TO CLEAR ANY SUCH OPERATION WITH
USG AND THERE " STRONG PROBABILITY" USG WOULD REFUSE. NOTING
HMG ENJOYS SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OVER AREA, FONOFF ALSO OPINED IT WOULD
MAKE NO SENSE TO HAVE REMOVED ILOIS FROM REGION AGAINST BRITISH
FINANCIAL COMPENSATION AND THEN TO " ENCOURAGE" OIL COMPANIES
PROSPECT IN SAME AREA.

2. CARTER SAID HE BELIEVED ANY SUCH APPROACH TO PRIMIN LIKELY
BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. I CONCURRED. HE THEREFORE PLANNING
INFORM LONDON HE WILL NOT RAISE MATTER WITH PRIMIN BUT, SHOULD
LATTER REFER TO QUESTION, HE WILL DRAW ON INSTRUCTIONS (PARA 1).

3. COMMENT: DEPSITE REFERENCE TO OUR PROBABLE OPPOSITION,
BRITISH INSTRUCTIONS EVIDENTLY MAKE CLEAR HMG HAS NOT RPT NOT
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CONSULTED US. UK WILL THEREFORE CONTINUE CARRY CAN ON THIS
ONE AS FAR AS PRIMIN CONCERNED.
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